

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus being capable of connecting to a memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory via a network, comprising:
 - an input device for receiving image data ~~as an input~~;
 - a transfer portion for transferring the image data received by the input device to ~~at the~~ memory-incorporating apparatus ~~having an image memory connected to the input device via a network~~;
 - ~~a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after the transfer portion transfers the image data to the memory-incorporating apparatus;~~
 - a reception portion for receiving the image data ~~which is transferred by the transfer portion and stored in the image memory of from~~ the memory-incorporating apparatus ~~in accordance with the memory recall signal~~; and
 - a printing device for forming an image ~~with use of the image data received by the reception portion~~;
 - a first key to accept a data transfer instruction instructing to transfer the image data received by the input device to the memory-incorporating apparatus;
 - a second key to accept a start instruction instructing to form the image data received by the input device; and

a display portion for displaying a third key to accept a reread instruction instructing to reread the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus, wherein;

when the first key and the second key are pressed, the input device receives image data, the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device and the printing device forms an image based on the image data received by the input device, wherein;

the display portion displays the third key after the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device, wherein

when the third key is pressed, the reception portion receives the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus and the printing device forms an image based on the image data received by the reception portion.

2. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a retrieval portion for retrieving the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the network, wherein the retrieval portion retrieves the memory-incorporating apparatus when the first key is pressed.

3. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 2, wherein when the retrieval portion identifies the memory-incorporating apparatus, the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device to the memory-incorporating apparatus retrieved identified by the retrieval portion.

4. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

a warning device for informing a user that the retrieval portion can not identify any memory-incorporating apparatus.

5-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 61, wherein ~~the printing device forms the image data received by the input device after the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device, and the memory-recall key is displayed on the display device~~ display portion displays the third key during or after image forming operation by the printing device with use of based on the image data received by the input device.

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus being capable of connecting to a memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory via a network, comprising:

a reading device for creating image data by reading an image document;

a printing device for forming a copy of the image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data created by the reading device an image;

a transfer portion for transferring the image data created by the reading device to a the memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory connected to a network via the network;

a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after the transfer portion transfers the image data to the memory-incorporating apparatus;

a reception portion for receiving the image data which is transferred by the transfer portion and stored in the image memory of from the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the memory recall signal; and

a first key to accept a data transfer instruction instructing to transfer the image data created by the reading device to the memory-incorporating apparatus;

a second key to accept a start instruction instructing to form the image data created by the reading device; and

a display portion for displaying a third key to accept a reread instruction instructing to reread the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus, wherein;

when the first key and the second key are pressed, the reading device creates image data, the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device and the printing device forms an image based on the image data created by the reading device, wherein;

the display portion displays the third key after the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device, wherein

when the third key is pressed, the reception portion receives the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus

and the printing device forms an image based on the image data received by the reception portion.

~~—— a control unit for controlling the printing device so as to form an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 9, further comprising:

a retrieval portion for retrieving the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the network, wherein the retrieval portion retrieves the memory-incorporating apparatus when the first key is pressed.

11. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, wherein when the retrieval portion identifies the memory-incorporating apparatus, the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device to the memory-incorporating apparatus ~~retrieved~~ identified by the retrieval portion.

12. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a warning device for informing a user that the retrieval portion can not identify any memory-incorporating apparatus.

13-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 149, wherein the printing device forms the image data created by the reading device after the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device, and the memory recall key is displayed on a display device display portion displays the third key during or after image forming operation by the printing device with use of based on image data created by the reading device.

17. (Currently Amended) An image forming method for an image forming apparatus connected to a memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory via a network, comprising:

a first receive step of receiving image data as an input;

a transfer step of transferring the image data received in the first receive step to [a] the memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory connected to the network via the network;

a generate step of generating a memory recall signal in direct response to memory recall key pressing by a user after the image data is transferred to the memory-incorporating apparatus in the transfer step;

a second receive step of receiving the image data which is transferred in the transfer step and stored in the image memory of from the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the memory recall signal; and

a form step of forming an image with use of the image data received in the second receive step.

a data transfer instruction acceptance step of accepting a data transfer instruction to transfer the image data received in the first receive step to the memory-incorporating apparatus when a first key is pressed;

a start instruction acceptance step of accepting a start instruction instructing to form the image data received in the first receive step when a second key is pressed;

a displaying step of displaying a third key to accept a reread instruction instructing to reread the image data transferred in the transforming step from the memory-incorporating apparatus, wherein the displaying step occurs after the transforming step;

wherein the first receive step and the transfer step occur when the first key and the second key are pressed; and

wherein the second receive step and the form step occur when the third key is pressed.

18. (Currently Amended) An image forming method for an image forming apparatus connected to a memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory via a network, comprising:

a create step of creating image data by reading an image document with a reading device;

a first form step of forming a copy of the an image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data created in the create step;

a transfer step of transferring the image data created in the create step to [a] the memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory connected to the network via the network;

a generate step of generating a memory recall signal in direct response to memory recall key pressing by a user after the image data is transferred to the memory-incorporating apparatus in the transfer step;

a receive step of receiving the image data which is transferred in the transfer step and stored in the image memory of from the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the memory recall signal; and

a second form step of forming an image with use of the received image data received in the receive step[.];

a data transfer instruction acceptance step of accepting a data transfer instruction to transfer the image data created in the create step to the memory-incorporating apparatus when a first key is pressed;

a start instruction acceptance step of accepting a start instruction instructing to form the image data created in the create step when a second key is pressed;

a displaying step of displaying a third key to accept a reread instruction instructing to reread the image data transferred in the transforming step from the memory-incorporating apparatus, wherein the displaying step occurs after the transforming step;

wherein the create step and the transfer step occur when the first key and the second key are pressed; and

wherein the receive step and the second form step occur when the third key is pressed.

19. (Currently Amended) An image forming system for connecting a memory-incorporating apparatus incorporating an image memory which can store image data to an image forming apparatus via a network, the image forming system comprising:

an input device for receiving image data as an input;

a transfer portion for transferring the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus;

~~a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;~~

a reception portion for receiving the image data stored in the image memory of from the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the signal; and

a printing device for forming an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion;

a first key to accept a data transfer instruction instructing to transfer the image data received by the input device to the memory-incorporating apparatus;

a second key to accept a start instruction instructing to form the image data received by the input device; and

a display portion for displaying a third key to accept a reread instruction instructing to reread the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus, wherein;

when the first key and the second key are pressed, the input device receives image data, the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device and the printing device forms an image based on the image data received by the input device, wherein;

the display portion displays the third key after the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device, wherein

when the third key is pressed, the reception portion receives the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus and the printing device forms an image based on the image data received by the reception portion.

20. (Currently Amended) An image forming system for connecting a memory-incorporating apparatus incorporating an image memory which can store image data to an image forming apparatus via a network, the image forming system comprising:

a reading device for creating image data by reading an image document with a reading device;

a buffer for holding the image data created with the reading device;

a printing device for forming a copy of the an image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data held in the buffer;

a transfer portion for transferring the image data held in the buffer to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus;

~~a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;~~

a reception portion for receiving the image data stored in the image memory of from the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the signal; and

~~a control unit for controlling the printing device; which forms an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion.~~

a first key to accept a data transfer instruction instructing to transfer the image data created by the reading device to the memory-incorporating apparatus;

a second key to accept a start instruction instructing to form the image data created by the reading device; and

a display portion for displaying a third key to accept a reread instruction instructing to reread the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus, wherein;

when the first key and the second key are pressed, the reading device creates image data, the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device and the printing device forms an image based on the image data created by the reading device, wherein;

the display portion displays the third key after the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device, wherein

when the third key is pressed, the reception portion receives the image data transferred by the transfer portion from the memory-incorporating apparatus and the printing device forms an image based on the image data received by the reception portion.

21. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

22. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 9, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

23. (Previously Presented) The image forming method as defined in claim 17, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

24. (Previously Presented) The image forming method as defined in claim 18, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

25. (Previously Presented) The image forming system as defined in claim 19, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

26. (Previously Presented) The image forming system as defined in claim 20, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.